

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**National Study Finds Teens Lack Career Guidance.** A study conducted by the Ferris State University Career Institute for Education and Workforce Development, found that most teenagers receive little or no career guidance outside the home and therefore do not pursue appropriate educational plans (i.e. attending college, advanced training) to prepare for public and private sector career opportunities. The survey and report can be downloaded on-line at:

[www.ferris.edu/careerinstitute](http://www.ferris.edu/careerinstitute). More information on workforce development issues is available from the following sponsoring organizations: the National Association of Manufacturers ([www.nam.org/workforce](http://www.nam.org/workforce)), Precision Metal Forming Association Educational Foundation ([www.pmaef.org](http://www.pmaef.org)), and Associated Equipment Distributors Foundation ([www.aednet.org](http://www.aednet.org)).

### **Resources & Opportunities for Youth**

**Prudential Insurance Company of America, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, invites applications for its "2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards," Deadline: October 31.** These awards recognize students currently enrolled in middle- and high-school who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Students must submit an application to a school principal, Girl Scout council executive director, or county 4-H agent by October 31. Ten national honorees will be announced at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May 2003. For more information, see the Prudential Web site RFP Link: <http://www.prudential.com/index/>. (Type in "Prudential Spirit of Community Awards" in the [SEARCH] Box.) Contact: Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, CSFA, 1505 Riverview Road, PO Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082.

**The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the U.S. Dept. of Commerce launch [www.GetTech.org](http://www.GetTech.org),** a multi-media educational campaign and website to inform middle-school students on the high- tech careers available to them if they study math and science.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Register now! Workforce Innovation 2002 Conference, July 9-11, in Nashville, TN.** Learn about successful partnerships and cutting-edge innovations helping to train America's Workforce for the 21st Century. Hear from businesses on how to help meet their needs for a skilled workforce. Discover a role in support of the coming reauthorizations of WIA and TANF. For hotel reservations, please contact the Gaylord Opryland Hotel at 615-889-1000. Your hotel reservations must be made by the June 1 cut-off date. After this date rooms are subject to rate and space availability. To obtain conference information and register on-line, visit: <http://www.wi2002.org/conferenceinfo.cfm>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Youth Opportunity (YO) Program Links Education Across Activities.** The Monroe Louisiana YO Program has adopted a policy that requires all activities sponsored by the YO Initiative to have at least one educational objective. For example, if youth participate in a rap session, the educational objective may focus on the importance of communication as a work-related skill. The program also

requires that youth briefly evaluate the activity in order to provide feedback to the staff. A copy of the policy and the evaluation form is available on:  
[http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/html/education.htm](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/html/education.htm). For more information, contact Keith Guice, Project Director, (318) 387-7962, or email [kguice@bayou.com](mailto:kguice@bayou.com).

**“Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board” Newsletter Online.** This newsletter, published by the State of Washington in Olympia, WA, is distributed electronically and can also be obtained through our website at [www.wtb.wa.gov](http://www.wtb.wa.gov). To be added to the distribution list, email [hfredericks@wtb.wa.gov](mailto:hfredericks@wtb.wa.gov).

### **WIA Updates**

**TEGL 20-01. Application Process for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 503 Incentive Grants, Program Year 2000 Performance.** This notice outlines the procedures states should follow to apply for WIA Section 503 Incentive Grants. To download this notice visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl20-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl20-01.pdf). Download Attachment 1- SF- 424, Application For Federal Assistance on: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl20-01attach1.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl20-01attach1.pdf). Download Attachment 2 -SF- 424A, Budget Information-Non-Construction Program on: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl20-01attach2.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl20-01attach2.pdf).

**TEGL 22-02. Tax Relief Period Granted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to Employers Affected by the September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks for the “21-Day” Filing Requirement.** This notice provides guidance to the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs) on the granted tax relief period from the “21-day” requirement for submitting IRS Form 8850, under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Program and the Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit (WtWTC). To download this notice, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl22-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl22-01.pdf).

**TEGL 23.01. Clarification of Transportation Requirements Under the H-2A Program.** This notice clarifies the employer’s requirements to provide transportation reimbursement to workers in the H-2A temporary foreign agricultural worker program. To download this notice, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl23-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl23-01.pdf).

**TEGL 24-01. Suggested Uses of Reed Act Distribution for Administrative Purposes.** This notice provides suggestions to states regarding administrative uses of the \$8 billion Reed Act distribution made on March 13, 2002. To download this notice, visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl24-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl24-01.pdf).

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

**“The Unfinished Business of Welfare Reform: Improving Prospects for Poor Children and Youth.”** Published by Child Trends, this publication provides an overview of how poor children are faring under current welfare policies. Download the report from: <http://www.childtrends.org/PDF/UnfinishedBusinessofWR.pdf>.

**“Trends in Well-Being of America's Children and Youth.”** Published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), this annual report presents the most recent estimates on more than 80 indicators of well being (i.e. population, family, and neighborhood; economic security; health conditions and health care; social development and behavioral health; and education and achievement.) Download the report from: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/01trends/intro.htm>.

**America's Career Resource Network Career Videos Available.** ETA and the New Jersey Department of Labor, Center for Occupational Employment Information, released occupational specific video files with added enhancements, including Spanish language versions, of career videos created by the California Career Resource Network (CalCRN). The videos focus on workplace environments, types of co-workers, skills needed, requirements and certifications necessary in particular occupations. The videos can be downloaded from the National Crosswalk Service Center's website located at: [www.xwalkcenter.org](http://www.xwalkcenter.org) ("Internet" section and "FTP Server"). For an example of how one state has incorporated these resources into their website, go to; [www.californiacareers.info](http://www.californiacareers.info). Each state's ACRN Director, Labor Market Information Director and One-Stop Service Locator Program liaison has received a set of the career video CDs.

**Rural Trust Promotes Work-Based Learning for Youth in Rural Communities.** Rural Trust, a non profit organization, publishes two newsletters: the bimonthly *Rural Roots*, with rural site-based education news and resources for teachers, students and community members; and the monthly *Rural Policy Matters*, with policy-related news for rural education activists. Both newsletters are free, in either printed or electronic format. For more information on rural capacity-building initiatives and examples of model rural education programs, visit <http://ruraledu.org/index.cfm> or contact Rural School and Community Trust, 1825 K Street, NW, Suite 703, Washington, DC 20006; (202) 955-7177 (phone).

### **Funding Opportunities**

**The Partnership on Nonprofit Ventures Announces Competition. Deadline: August 30.** The Partnership on Nonprofit Ventures is currently accepting entries for its National Business Plan Competition for Nonprofit Organizations, which will award grants and provide technical assistance to nonprofits seeking to start or expand successful profit-making ventures. The competition will award \$100,000 to four grand-prize winners, and \$25,000 to four semi-finalists. For complete guidelines and entry procedures and forms, visit: <http://ventures.yale.edu/aboutcompetition.asp>

**Education and Community Development Technology Grants Available. Deadline: June 3.** The SBC Foundation seeks to fund projects that bridge the divide between those who have access to technologies and the education to fully benefit from them, and those who do not. Applicants must target: economically disadvantaged areas in urban and/or rural settings; and/or populations widely considered to be disenfranchised by the "Digital Divide", including community-based organizations, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, seniors, at-risk youth, adults with elementary or less education, and racial and ethnic minorities such as African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Vietnamese, Laotian and Hmong Southeast Asians. The term "digital divide" refers to the gap between those who can effectively use new information and communication tools, such as the Internet, and those who cannot. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and are for one year. For application guidelines and information, visit: [http://www.sbc.com/press\\_room/press\\_kit/0,5931,71,00.html](http://www.sbc.com/press_room/press_kit/0,5931,71,00.html).

**Youth Violence Prevention Grants Available. Deadline: June 10.** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), announces grants for cooperative agreements for implementing Youth Violence Prevention Cooperative Agreements. Awards will be made for two types of youth violence prevention projects: (1) Youth Violence Prevention for Vulnerable Youth (Vulnerable Youth) Projects, and (2) School-based Mental Health (School-based) Projects. Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit organizations. For application guidelines and information, visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>.

**U.S. Department of Education Requests Proposals for Community Technology Center (CTC) Grants. Deadline: July 26.** The Federal Register notice for this solicitation will be issued on **May 20**, with applications being available on **May 24** and proposals due on **July 26**. The purpose of CTC grants is to establish or expand community technology centers in economically distressed urban and rural communities. The Department anticipates making 83 new awards with an average amount of \$180,000 each. Eligible applicants are: Institutions of Higher Education, Local Education Agencies, Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies; For-Profit Organizations and a consortia of other eligible entities. For application guidelines and information, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCFO/grants/forecast.html#Chart%206>.

### **Websites**

**Web site highlights “No Child Left Behind” legislation.** The U.S. Department of Education’s website features breaking news, materials for parents, one-page summaries of the law’s features and a glossary. You may subscribe to an e-mail newsletter by visiting the website at: <http://www.nclb.gov>.

**ETA requests “Workforce Development Promising Practices” to populate their new website.** Add your promising practices to [www.promising-practices.org](http://www.promising-practices.org).

**Questions and Answers related to Faith-Based (FBO)/Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Grant Solicitations.** Visit <http://www.usworkforce.org/documents/misc/fbo-cbo.asp> to review questions and answers relating to the FBO and CBO solicitations.

**National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center (NYVPRC) Federal Partners.** Federal partners will soon begin receiving "Safe Youth Solutions," a quarterly online newsletter. You can view the current issue at: <http://www.safeyouth.org/newsletter/solutions/>. To subscribe online, visit: <http://www.safeyouth.org>.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

**June 26-28.** US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the **National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, & For Youth**, at the Washington DC Hilton. Go to [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html) for information and online registration.

**June 26-28 - Youth Network Council – 2002 Midwest Hub Conference, Chicago, Illinois** at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Contact Denis Murstein, 312-704-1260.

**July 9–11. Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.** Contact: Gardner Carrick, 202-693-3689.

**July 20-26 – Youth Opportunity Grants Leadership Institute, Leesburg, Virginia.** Contact: Karen David, 202-822-6725.

**July 27-31.** The **National Urban League** hosts its **2002 Annual Conference** in Los Angeles, California and its **Youth Summit from July 25 –29**. For registration information for the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, call 212-558-5385.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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